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Rep. Sanfelippo releases statement on Obamacare ruling

MADISON, Wis. – State Rep. Joe Sanfelippo, R-New Berlin, issued the following statement following the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling to uphold Obamacare subsidies for health insurance coverage through the federal exchange.

“Justice Antonin Scalia summed up the SCOTUS ruling better than most could in his dissenting opinion,” Sanfelippo said.

"Pure applesauce ... This Court holds only the judicial power – the power to pronounce the law as Congress has enacted it ... The Court forgets that ours is a government of laws and not of men," Scalia wrote in his opinion. "That means we are governed by the terms of our laws, not by the unenacted will of our lawmakers ... The Court’s decision reflects the philosophy that judges should endure whatever interpretive distortions it takes in order to correct a supposed flaw in the statutory machinery ... If Congress enacted into law something different from what it intended, then it should amend the statute to conform to its intent."

“Even Chief Justice John Roberts’ affirmative opinion called out Congress for passing much of Obamacare by using a complicated budgetary procedure that limited opportunities for debate and amendment, and for bypassing the Senate’s normal 60-vote filibuster requirement,” Sanfelippo said. “As the chief justice put it, Obamacare contains more than a few examples of inartful drafting and does not reflect the type of care and deliberation one might expect of such significant legislation.”

“I look forward to my Republican colleagues in Congress holding true to their promise that they intend to repeal and replace Obamacare,” Sanfelippo added. “It’s simply unsustainable.”

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